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## **Attempted Financial Fraud Incident**

On Wednesday, October 28, 2020, the Huntley Police Department met with a victim of an attempted financial fraud. The victim had been contacted, via telephone, by a subject claiming to be from the FBI. The subject advised that the victim was the primary suspect in an investigation involving money laundering and drug trafficking.

The suspect instructed the victim to go to the bank and withdraw all of her funds, due to her social security number allegedly being compromised, and other bank accounts being opened in her name. Bank employees aware of the victim's circumstances, became suspicious and contacted the Huntley Police Department to meet with the victim. While speaking with the victim, the victim received a call from a suspect claiming to be from the Huntley Police Department, with her cellular phone displaying the Huntley Police Department telephone number. The on-scene officer answered the call and identified himself, at which time the suspect hung up. The victim did not release any personal identification or funds to the suspect.

The suspect's voice was described as being a male with a Middle Eastern accent.

The Huntley Police Department would like to thank employees of the First National Bank for their quick intervention and assistance in this matter.

Residents are reminded to be aware of such scams in which funds are being requested to be withdrawn. No legitimate law enforcement agency will require funds to be transferred, or moved via a telephone conversation. Anytime unsolicited financial or personal information is requested, always seek assistance from a reputable known contact to investigate the matter.

For additional information on resources concerning identity theft, please visit the Federal Trade Commission.

- [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov)

Regularly check the three credit bureaus for suspicious activity:

- [TransUnion.com](https://www.transunion.com)
- [Equifax.com](https://www.equifax.com)
- [Experian.com](https://www.experian.com)